

**15B.2 Definitions.**

For purposes of [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Apprentice*” means a person who is at least sixteen years of age, except where a higher minimum age is required by law, who is employed in an apprenticeable occupation, who is a resident of the state of Iowa, and is registered in Iowa with the United States department of labor, office of apprenticeship.
2. “*Apprenticeable occupation*” means an occupation approved for apprenticeship by the United States department of labor, office of apprenticeship.
3. “*Apprenticeship program*” means a program registered with the United States department of labor, office of apprenticeship, which includes terms and conditions for the qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices, including the requirement for a written apprenticeship agreement.
4. “*Apprenticeship sponsor*” means an entity operating an apprenticeship program or an entity in whose name an apprenticeship program is being operated, which is registered with or approved by the United States department of labor, office of apprenticeship.
5. “*Authority*” means the economic development authority created in [section 15.105](#).
6. “*Contact hours*” means the number of hours of in-person instruction received by an apprentice participating in an apprenticeship program.
7. “*Financial assistance*” means assistance provided only from the funds, rights, and assets legally available to the authority and includes but is not limited to assistance in the forms of grants, loans, forgivable loans, and royalty payments.
8. “*Fund*” means the apprenticeship training program fund created in [section 15B.3](#).
9. “*Lead apprenticeship sponsor*” means a trade organization, labor organization, employer association, or other incorporated entity representing a group of apprenticeship sponsors.

[2014 Acts, ch 1132, §18](#); [2017 Acts, ch 3, §2, 4, 5](#); [2021 Acts, ch 45, §1, 5](#)

Referred to in [§256.40, 272C.16](#)

2017 amendment to subsection 1 takes effect March 1, 2017, and applies retroactively to July 1, 2015; [2017 Acts, ch 3, §4, 5](#)

Subsection 6 applies to financial assistance provided by the economic development authority to apprenticeship sponsors and lead apprenticeship sponsors that apply for financial assistance on or after July 1, 2021; [2021 Acts, ch 45, §5](#)

NEW subsection 6 and former subsections 6 – 8 renumbered as 7 – 9